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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

SIR:

This is a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified patent application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. Other.

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).
- b. Other. Petition For Extension Of Time.

3. Fees

- a. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0600:
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R §1.17(e)
(\$810.00)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Suspension fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)
(\$130.00)
- iv. Any deficiency of fee due or any other required fee due in connection with this Request For Continued Examination or in connection with the continued examination of the above-identified patent application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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